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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:


I had a call this morning from Admiral Souers, who had first tried to call the Director. The Admiral wanted to get the slant of the Director on a rumor that General Donovan would like to talk to the President but didn't want to ask for an appointment—and hoping the President would ask him (Donovan) to come see him.

I stated I couldn't speak for the Director in that regard but that if General Donovan had something he thought the President should hear he should, from patriotic motives alone, ask for an appointment. Admiral Souers agreed.

Advantage was taken to express my opinion that a concerted effort was evident to reestablish OSS by first divorcing SI activities from CIA and then adding SO activities to the new Agency. With all the grief and muddle we know existed in the OSS, it seemed shocking that our leaders didn't stop this movement before it snow-balled.

Admiral Souers agreed that there appeared to be an effort to discredit us but wasn't sure if it was a concerted effort or merely "one of those things". He said most of the effort now seemed to come from State, and specifically George Kennan.

Admiral Souers then called attention to letters which Congressman Wadsworth had written General Marshal and Mr. Royall, asking if they were satisfied with the operation of CIA. He said the best information indicated that the answer in both cases was "That is difficult to determine at the moment but a survey is being made and we will know more after we see the results of the survey."


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Col. Allan D. MacLean, Intelligence Division, GSUSA, x 5509, concerning withdrawal of forces from Korea. Discussion to be held between ID and P&O and suggested we have a representative present. Dr. [redacted] OSO, will attend meeting today.

Mr. Robert Blum, OSD, concerning clearance for [redacted] for work in connection with Survey Group.

Mr. Houston, Mr. Pforzheimer, Gen Counsel, and Mr. [redacted] Advisory Council, concerning discussion of certain technical matters--including communications--with Mr. [redacted] OSD. Only Mr. Houston was authorized to attend meeting.

Col. [redacted] OSO, concerning request from Lt. Col. Wm. A. Harris, P&O, GSUSA, to borrow the OSS war diary for use of Gen. Schuyler and Col. Porter in connection with a discussion to be held with Col. Joe Haskell. Diary comprises 40 volumes; was used as basis of OSS History, which has had no dissemination. Also their request for list of OSS officers assigned to SO who are still on active duty. Deputy Director will discuss with Gen. [redacted] or Col. [redacted]. Endeavored to reach Col. [redacted]

Checked with Mr. [redacted] concerning certain phases of OSS activities in SI and SO.

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Admiral Souers (tel) - See memo attached.

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